

# The White House: The Global Messenger

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

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## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

All Times EDT/Subject to Change

11:15 a.m. -- President Bush meets with the President of the Dominican Republic

12:30 p.m. -- State Department Briefing

12:45 p.m. -- White House Briefing

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## **KEY QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT BUSH AND PHILLIPINE PRESIDENT ARROYO, 5/19/03**

"Last week's terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia that killed innocent civilians from the United States, the Philippines, and many other nations, remind us that the war on terror continues. The world's free nations have the courage and the determination to fight this war. And together, we will defeat the forces of global terror."

-- President Bush

"We, your friends, must find a way to support continued and active engagement with the U.S. at a time when there are some forces in my region working against such a relationship. Although wisdom counsels commitment, in the face of terror the temptation to disengage is strong. We must fight that temptation, because the answer to fear is confrontation. Indeed, we must close ranks and stand firm against terrorist threats, however grave, however armed, and from whatever quarter."

-- President Gloria Arroyo

"The partnership between our nations is sustained by the friendship between our peoples. More than 2 million Americans trace their ancestry back to the Philippines, and they enrich our national life....The Philippines was the first democracy in Asia and has a proud tradition of democratic values, love of family and faith in God. President Arroyo, you are carrying this tradition forward, and I'm proud to call you friend."

-- President Bush

"I appreciate the help of President Bush in our work to alleviate poverty and other socio-economic ills from which terrorism draws its strength. Like the fear on which it feeds, terrorism can be contagious, and it will not be contained unless we agree on a comprehensive approach for defeating it in Southeast Asia."

-- President Gloria Arroyo

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## **STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN MOROCCO, 5/17/03**

"I strongly condemn the terrorist bombings in Casablanca, Morocco, that have taken many innocent lives. On behalf of the American people, I extend condolences to the families of the victims and our hopes for a quick recovery to those injured.

"These acts of murder show, once again, that terrorism respects no boundaries nor borders. Casablanca is a city well known for its tolerance and its diverse range of religious and ethnic communities.

"These acts demonstrate that the war against terror goes on. Morocco is a close friend of the United States and we offer assistance to the government of Morocco to help track down and bring to justice those responsible."

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**EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION ON WORLD TRADE WEEK, 5/16/03**

"To extend the benefits of trade and to improve the lives of people in our Nation and around the world, my Administration continues to pursue global, regional, and bilateral trade agreements.

"....World trade allows all nations to share in the great economic, social, and political progress of our age and provides a foundation for a more peaceful and stable world. This week, we recognize the importance of free trade in promoting prosperity and freedom in the United States and around the world."

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